

REMARKS

This Reissue Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action issued May 26, 2009. Claims 1-14 and 26 are currently pending in this Reissue Application and Claims 15-25, 27, and 28 have been canceled. Claims 29-87 added during prosecution of this Reissue Application have been canceled. In order to advance prosecution of this Reissue Application, Claims 1, 8-13, and 26 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Reissue Application.

The reissue declaration stands objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.175(a)(1) as being defective for failing to identify at least one error which is relied upon to support the reissue application. Attached herewith is a Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application addressing matters identified by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the Supplemental Reissue Declaration for Reissue Patent Application is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.175(b)(1).

Claims 1-14 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §251 due to a defective reissue declaration. As discussed above, attached herewith is a Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application addressing matters identified by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-14 and 26 are in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §251.

Claims 1, 8-13, and 26 stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.173(b) as not being amended in a proper manner. Claims 1, 8-13, and 26 have been amended to provide additions in underline form and deletions surrounded by brackets. Further, Claims 1, 8-13, and 26 include the proper labeling as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.173(b). The amendments to Claims 1, 8-13, and 26 now properly reflect amendments submitted in responses filed May 31, 2006 and April 9, 2009. Therefore,

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Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 8-13, and 26 are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.173(b).

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 1-14 and 26.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments associated with this Application to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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